



# The Stinger

180th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, Toledo, Ohio



## On the Horizon



### 2008 UTA Dates

5-6 January

Master

Pays 15 Jan

2-3 February

Pays 13 Feb

SUTA February 23-24

8-9 March

Master

Pays 17 March

12-13 April

Pays 23 April

SUTA 19-20 April

3-4 May

Pays 13 May

SUTA 17-18 May

7-8 June

Master

Pays 18 June

12-13 July

Pays 23 July

SUTA 26-27 July

## The 180<sup>th</sup>'s "Best of the Best"

*By Lt. Col. Thomas Gee,  
Public Affairs Officer*

The annual 2007 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing "Airman of the Year" competition was held over the November Unit Training Assembly. The various Airman, Non Commissioned Officer, Senior Non Commissioned Officer and First Sergeant of the Year selection Boards choose Senior Airman Jacob H. Heilmann for "Airman of the Year," Technical Sergeant Eric M. Ball for "Non Commissioned Officer of the Year," Master Sergeant Brian E. Rozick for "Senior Non Commissioned Officer of the Year," and Senior Master Sergeant James E. Ellis for "First Sergeant of the Year". Our 180<sup>th</sup> winners will now compete with the Airman of the Year winners from Ohio's other units for state honors.

Airman of the Year winner SrA Jacob Heilmann, a Firefighter Journeyman assigned to the Civil Engineering Squadron, has been with the unit since 2004. Heilmann recently returned from a 120 day rotation at Sather Air Base, Baghdad International Airport, Iraq where he was instrumental in planning and implementing the Civil Engineering Rodeo/Fire Department Muster. He also functioned as a trainer and crew chief while



**Senior Airman Jacob H. Heilmann  
CE Firefighter Journeyman**

deployed. Heilmann, a Whitehouse, Ohio resident, works full-time on his families' farm which is the second largest family owned farm in Northwest Ohio. He is also active in his community through his involvement with the Whitehouse Fire Department and local American Legion Post.

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## What's Said

"Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier."

**Colin Powell**

## What's Inside

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**Boss Lift**

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## What's Ahead

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## “Commander's Comments”

# Winners versus Losers

**By Col. Keith “Shadow” Newell**  
**Operations Group Commander**

I ran across this article a long time ago and decided it was worth keeping. Though various versions can now be found on the internet, I believe it was originally written by a coach and dealt with being part of a team. Since we're all on the 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing team, I thought I'd share it with you. Without saying much else, I'd like to thank you for being winners. We've got some extremely challenging times ahead of us, so don't hesitate to refer to this listing if you find yourself seeking the path of least resistance and wanting to be part of the “second” line in all these statements. Please help those around you to also maintain a winning attitude.

When a winner makes a mistake, he says, “I was wrong;” when a loser makes a mistake, he says, “It wasn't my fault.”

A winner works harder than a loser and has more time;



**Col. Keith “Shadow” Newell**  
**Operations Group Commander**

a loser is always “too busy” to do what is necessary.

A winner goes through the problem; a loser goes around it, and never gets past it.

A winner makes and keeps

commitments; a loser makes promises.

A winner says, “I'm good, but not as good as I ought to be;” a loser says, “I'm not as bad as a lot of other people.”

A winner will listen; a loser just waits until it's his turn to talk.

A winner respects those who are superior to him and tries to learn something from them; a loser resents those who are superior to him and tries to find chinks in their armor.

A winner feels responsible for more than his job; a loser says, “I only work here.”

A winner says, “There ought to be a better way to do it;” a loser says, “That's the way it's always been done here.”

In closing, for all who have deployed or still have loved ones deployed in harms way, and to all those who support the mission from back here, thanks for your time, service, and patriotism. You are winners!

## OFFICER VACANCIES

Job No.	Title of Position	Grade	Closeout	Location
180-07-11a	JAG	Civilian, Enlisted eligible for com.	31-Dec-07	Toledo
180-07-14a	Gen Practice Physician	Civilian, Enlisted eligible for com.	31-Dec-07	Toledo
180-07-15	Maint Group Ex. Officer	Civilian, Enlisted eligible for com.	31-Dec-07	Toledo
180-07-16	Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Civilian, Enlisted eligible for com.	31-Dec-07	Toledo
180-07-17	Maint Ops Flight Commander	Capt to Major	31-Dec-07	Toledo
180-07-18	MEO	Civilian, Enlisted eligible for com.	10-Dec-07	Toledo

## ENLISTED VACANCIES

Unit	Title	AFSC	Rank	Open	Close
CES	Readiness Supervisor	3E971	MSgt (Nationwide and Promotable SSgt may apply)		Until Filled
CES	Readiness NCO	3E971	TSgt (Nationwide)		Until Filled
FW	Financial Services	6F071	MSgt		23-Nov-07
MXS	Crew Chief	2A373	TSgt		10-Dec-07
MXS	Acft Prod Cntrl Spvr	2A390	SMSgt		10-Dec-07
MXS	Acft Prod Cntrl	2A373	TSgt		10-Dec-07
MXS	Elec Integ Sys Mech	2A372 (2)	TSgt		10-Dec-07
AMXS	Acft Ord Sys Mech	2W171 (2)	MSgt		14-Jan-08

POC/DSN  
MSgt Widener X 4070



## Employers get a lift

**By Tech. Sgt. Annette R. Kornasiewicz, Public Affairs**

It was a cold, drizzling, overcast night; however, that did not dampen the spirits of area employers as they boarded the KC-135 here last month. Twenty-one bosses of 180<sup>th</sup> guard members were nominated to participate in our annual "Boss Lift" that occurred November 8, 2007. The lift is a 'thank you' event offered to employers to educate them about what we do at the unit and give them a chance to see a refueling up close. Many participants had never been on a base before, much less on a military aircraft. Judging from the smiles on their faces, all involved appreciated the experience. Employers were able to lay abreast the 'boom' operator and take pictures of the refueling process.

"I am just amazed at the skill of these people, and all the training that went into it," said M. Beth Christoff, Principal of Toth Elementary School and employer of Senior Master Sgt. Phil Smith, 555<sup>th</sup> band member and music teacher at the



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Annette R. Kornasiewicz, 180th Public Affairs

**M. Beth Christoff, Principal of Toth Elementary School, and Aura L. Norris, Director of Human Resources at Perrysburg Schools, look out a side window on a KC-135 at one of our F-16s flanks the aircraft. Christoff and Norris were two of the twenty-one employers of 180<sup>th</sup> service members who participated in the Boss Lift in November.**

school. "That was totally awesome!" Christoff plans to show the children at her school all of her pictures.

"You don't realize what these people do on a day-to-day basis. I

have a whole new respect for them," said Aura L. Norris, Director of Human Resources at Perrysburg Schools, and employer of Master Sgt. Stanley Jones, also a 555<sup>th</sup> band member.

At a slide show presentation before the lift, Col. Mark E. Bartman, 180<sup>th</sup> FW Commander, expressed his gratitude to the bosses for the sacrifices they make and for the support they offer our traditional guardsmen. Another outstanding way to recognize your employer would be to nominate them for a Patriot Award. This award, which is tracked by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, comes to a servicemember's boss in the form of a certificate and pin. Hundreds of employers have been nominated in the past by 180<sup>th</sup> members. Please see Capt. Gary R. Bentley for the appropriate forms.

The next Boss Lift is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2008, so look for your chance to nominate your employer for an experience they will likely never forget!



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, 180th Public Affairs

**Employers of our own service members are photographed just before loading on the KC-135 to view an F-16 refueling.**

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**Tech. Sgt. Eric Ball**  
**Medical Services Craftsman**

NCO of the Year winner TSgt Eric Ball, a Medical Services Craftsman has been with the unit since 1998. Ball served on several training deployments in 2007 including a Search and Extraction Course in Oklahoma City, Small Portable Expeditionary Aeromedical Rapid Response (SPEAR) training at Rickenbacker Air Force Base and an "Ardent Century" exercise in Indiana where he received the Army Military Achievement Medal on the spot from Brigadier General Matthew L. Kambic for his contributions to the exercise. Ball also deployed on short notice to Balad Air Base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he coordinated 24-hour coverage including all operational capabilities at the Flight Medical Clinic for all pilots and enlisted flyers. Ball, a resident of Millfield, Ohio, also strategically coordinated a "World Site Day" for his full-time employer, Quin, Quin and Associates, which allowed for financial requirements to be met that provided free vision care for patients from Third World countries.

Senior NCO of the Year winner Master Sgt. Brian Rozick, a Firefighter Craftsman with the Civil Engineering Squadron has been with the unit since 2002. Rozick volunteered for an Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF) deployment to

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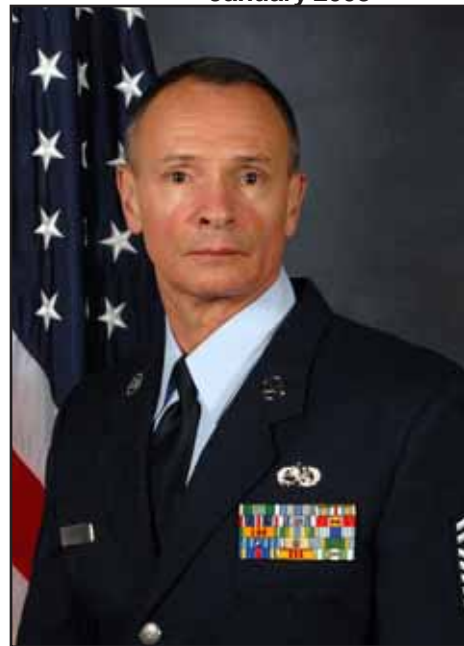
Sather Air Base, at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, where he served in numerous leadership roles including Fire Department Crew Chief, volunteer Chairperson for the Civil Engineering Rodeo and Fire Muster and NCOIC of Training where he issued 60 individual firefighter training certifications. Rozick, who resides in Whitehouse, Ohio, is an active member of the community serving on several organizations including President of the Whitehouse Fire Department Association, the Whitehouse American Legion Post Honor Guard, and the Buckeye Trail Association and Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Rozick currently attends Owens Community College and is working toward a national Registry Certification as an emergency medical Technician Paramedic.

First Sergeant of the Year winner Senior Master Sgt. James Ellis from the Maintenance Squadron has been with the unit since 1981 and began as a First Sergeant in 2003. Ellis has volunteered for every overseas deployment that the Maintenance Squadron has been tasked to complete including the most recent deployment to Balad Air Base, Iraq. At the Balad Air Base, Ellis, under the harshest conditions, maintained optimism and demonstrated unfailing diligence, job aggressiveness and total dedication in



**Master Sgt. Brian Rozick**  
**CE Firefighter Craftsman**

January 2008



**Senior Master Sgt. James Ellis**  
**Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant**

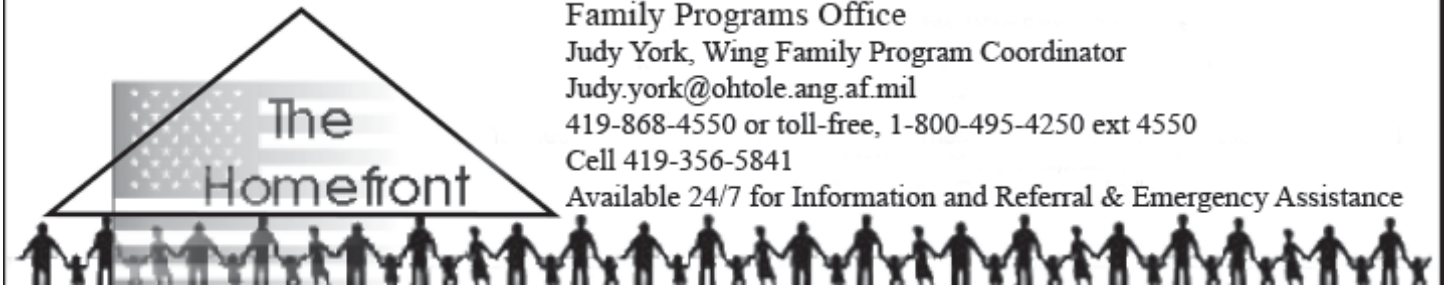
support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He ensured that 335 deployed personnel were ready to perform their wartime tasking that greatly contributed to the unit completing 448 Sorties for 1861 flight hours. Ellis, a resident of Toledo, Ohio, is a 40-year employee of the United States Postal Service and acts as the Union Representative to the Toledo Area American Postal Union. He is active in the community and volunteers his time to do charity work for the Cherry Street Mission, Lima Children Services and Lucas County Family Services.

Congratulations to all unit members who were nominated for the Airman of the Year honors and good luck to our winners in the State of Ohio competition.

### **Schmidt earns Chief's Award**

Staff Sgt. Ashley Schmidt, a Supply Specialist was the winner of the 180<sup>th</sup>'s Chief's Award competition. During 2007, Schmidt deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom where she supported the 112<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron as a Personnel Specialist. Schmidt also secured 14 Air National Guard recruits as a part of the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program Recruiter. Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Ashley Schmidt for winning the "Chief's Award."





## 180th Children's Holiday Party scheduled for December 6th



Everyone,

This year's Children's Holiday Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th from 6-8pm in the Baker Building. The Surgical Staff of Flower Hospital is providing the entire meal. Menu includes lasagna, hotdogs, chips, salad, and desert. We will begin serving food promptly at 6pm. Santa will be arriving on the F-16 between 6:45-7:00pm. Children will be able to get their picture taken with Santa at no cost. Each child will receive a goodie bag from Santa and the Family Readiness Group will be giving away some great Family Door Prizes.

If you have never brought your children to this, it is a great opportunity for the children to see Santa. No where else will they see Santa arrive in an F-16! The food is always good and it is a great way to get into the holiday spirit! I hope to see the Baker Building full of families!!

*Judy*

## *Military kids grant program can help pay fees*

If the answer is YES to any of the following questions, Our Military Kids grant program may be able to help.

- Are you or your spouse deploying or deployed overseas?
- Do you have school-aged children who play sports?
- Or do they take dance, music or arts classes?
- Maybe they would they like to try something new... like Karate?
- Could your child benefit from a tutor to stay at grade level?

Our Military Kids grant pays the fees (one activity per child up to \$500) for children in grades K-12 of deployed Reserve and National Guard to participate in youth sports, fine arts, and tutor programs.

This is a way of recognizing the sacrifices the entire family is making while the service member is deployed overseas. Please keep in mind that there is a one-activity limit so you might want to be selective about which one you choose in order to get the most benefit.

For more information please visit [www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org) or call: Toll Free: 1-866-691-6654 or 703-734-6654



## Promotions



**Master Sgt.**  
**Eric M. Ball**  
**John C. Deraedt**

**Technical Sgt.**  
**Justin M. Dalton**  
**Jesse H. Ellis**  
**David E. Harrison**  
**William C. Lowinski**  
**James R. Matzek**  
**Caleb W. Mock**

**Staff Sgt.**  
**Jeremiah S. Cedoz**  
**Joshua R. Earl**  
**Kyle A. Kynard**  
**Steven A. Sadowski**  
**Robin S. Steele**

**Senior Airman**  
**Eric A Bruhl**  
**Gabreale S. Kemp**  
**Latriece Ridgell**

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limited time enrollment.**

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**In order for our Group Account to be set up, we need to submit an enrollment roster with your Membership Application information. Please complete the enrollment form below to let us know your participation interest and add you to our Group plan if you choose to participate.**

**Enrollment Deadline:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*This program is being offered to all branches of the Ohio National Guard through The Family Programs Dept, 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. Please contact the Holland, OH Sam's Club Marketing Dept. (Amy Shaffer/Mark Heidet) at 419-866-3650 or via email [aashaff.s08139.us@samsclub.com](mailto:aashaff.s08139.us@samsclub.com) with any additional questions. \*\***

\*\*\*\*\***ONLINE ENROLLMENTFORM**\*\*\*\*\*

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Operation: Military Kids (OMK), Ohio National Guard, and Ohio 4-H present a special evening for all Military Families at the Columbus Zoo



# Wildlights at the Columbus Zoo 2007!



Sunday, December 16, 5-9 PM

## Event Features!

5-9 p.m.

- \*FREE refreshments & food provided by City BBQ and the Cookie Lady!
- \*FREE Holiday Family Photo
- \*Event features located in our Warming Station at the **Education Auditorium**, just inside the front entrance of the Zoo and to the right. (Military members will be at the front gate to assist you.)

## Cost:

- \*Half-Price Admission
- \* Children 2 & under free!
- \* Children 3-11 \$3
- \* Adults 12-59 \$5
- \* Seniors 60 & up \$4
- Parking \$3
- \*You must bring your Military ID & tell them you are with Operation: Military Kids to receive discount!!

For More Information contact:  
Sue Ann Carroll, Ohio National Guard Youth Coordinator @ 877-460-2177 or  
Operation: Military Kids @ 614-292-3758.  
For directions to the Columbus Zoo go to  
[www.columbuszoo.org](http://www.columbuszoo.org)

Come a little  
early, we had over  
1,400 military families  
attend last year!!

\*The Columbus Zoo is also offering the Half Price admission discount for Friday and Saturday, December 14 & 15\*



# **A HISTORY OF THE STINGERS: A SHORT HISTORY OF THE 112TH FIGHTER SQUADRON AND THE 180TH FIGHTER WING**

By Master Sgt. Tom Mason, 180th Fighter Wing Additional Duty Historian

The history of the 112th Fighter Squadron, the flying component of the 180th Fighter Wing, begins on August 18, 1917. On that day, the 112th Aero Squadron organized as a supply unit at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. In 1927, the unit became the Ohio National Guard's 112th Observation Squadron and flew out of Cleveland, Ohio. The 112th flew a variety of aircraft during this time, such as PT-1s, BT-1s, O-2s, and O-11s. In 1940, the 112th arrived at Pope Field, North Carolina, for active service. During World War II, the 112th performed anti-submarine patrols and courier duties. Although the Army Air Forces assigned many unit members to other units during World War II, one individual deserves special mention – Lieutenant Colonel Addison Baker. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor as a B-24 Liberator pilot during the raids on the heavily defended oil fields at Ploesti, Romania.

After the war, the unit regrouped as the 112th Bombardment Squadron (Light), with Douglas A-26 Invaders. In 1951, the 112th mobilized for the Korean Conflict. After the tour of active duty, the 112th returned to Ohio and flew P-51 Mustangs out of Akron, Ohio. In 1956, the 112th moved to Toledo, Ohio, and flew the F-84 Thunderjet series of fighters. In 1961, the 112th Tactical Fighter Squadron mobilized for the Berlin Crisis. In 1962, the 112th reorganized under the newly formed 180th Tactical Fighter Group. The unit acquired the F-100 Super Sabre in 1970 and the A-7D Corsair in 1979. In 1989, while deployed at Panama, the 180th participated in Operation Just Cause. In addition, unit members volunteered for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1991.

Now equipped with the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the 180th Fighter Wing and 112th Fighter Squadron continue to meet the challenges of maintaining peace and security with the world's finest multi-role fighter. In 1994 and 1996, members of the 180 FW participated in Operation Provide Comfort. In 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2002 the 180th Fighter Wing enforced the Northern No-Fly Zone over Iraq for Operation Northern Watch. In 2001, the 180th enforced the Southern No-Fly Zone over Iraq for Operation Southern Watch. In 2005 and 2007, the 180th Fighter Wing deployed to the Middle East for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The dedication to duty and demonstrated combat readiness of the men and women of the 112th Fighter Squadron and the 180th Fighter Wing has been and will continue to be a major contribution to our nation's air power over the years, and is a direct reflection of their suburb patriotic spirit.







## **Letter to Airmen**

**Michael W. Wynne**  
**Secretary of the Air Force**

**10 October 2007**

### **Modernizing the Air Force - Progress Report**


Wow—we had a great celebration across the Air Force to commemorate our 60<sup>th</sup> year as an independent service. We took the celebration international, honoring all Airmen who have taken to the skies to defend their nations. We also paid homage to our own and our Joint service brethren who gave their lives, not just in service to our country, but to keep America free.

Since President Bush—our nation's first Air Force President—dedicated the Air Force Memorial, it has become iconic in Washington DC as a memorial for the ages. We conducted the first wreath laying ceremony there in October 2006 and another in September 2007 to open the annual Air Force Association convention, which was held in conjunction with the Global Air Chiefs Conference. These observances book-ended our year long celebration and caused us to reflect as we considered the bright future that lies ahead.

A few years ago we set out to recapitalize our aging fleet while maintaining the quality of life for our people and their families, winning the war on terror, and continuing to be the Nation's strategic shield and sword. This continues to be a daunting task as we are pushed and pulled towards a future we cannot always control. We are not shirking from our goals. It is the duty of every Airman to ensure, to the maximum extent possible, that future Airmen are equipped and confident so they can deter, dissuade, and when called upon, defeat enemies of our great nation. We recognize that achieving our goal must be reflected in the national will to have a well equipped Air Force; we must be allowed to acquire and retire our equipment whether in air, space, missiles, or cyberspace.

I want to report back to you that our modernization efforts are bearing fruit, but not at a rate that satisfies me. Despite our advances, the average age of our inventory continues to increase. However, in areas of operational availability and number of aircraft down for maintenance, there has been great progress. In terms of satellite performance and actions on the ground to minimize outage and maximize distribution of situational awareness, there has been great progress. In terms of coming to grips with our responsibilities in cyberspace, with the establishment of a Cyberspace Command, there has been great progress. This all means that you, our Airmen, have responded to the call, set yourselves to the tasks, and set our great Air Force on a path to success.

We are investing across the board to modernize and, though the pace is not what I want as yet, there should be no doubt that your determined efforts will result in a future where commemorations to come will salute our efforts today, much as we saluted the efforts of our predecessors over the course of our 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Well Done!

  
**Michael W. Wynne**  
**Secretary of the Air Force**

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**To the family of...**

# **Upcoming Events**

## **Santa for Swanton**

To help children in the Swanton community, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to one of the following collection points: the hangar's second floor break room, Building 114, the Baker building, or the Security Forces building. Dates for collections will be November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please direct any questions to Tech.Sgt. Tony Smith at ext. 4099



***The entire Public  
Affairs staff wish  
you a very Merry  
Christmas and  
Happy New Year!***